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[REDACTED] Gordon Chase at the White House called requesting that I forward to him a copy of the Stennis transcript of yesterday. I gave him a gentle "no" and he telephoned during the evening stating he had talked with McGeorge Bundy about this who stated the President had reiterated his desire that all hearings be forwarded to the White House for review. Chase understood my position and I said I would seek further word on this.

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[REDACTED] Talked with Jim Kendall, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, indicating the Director had considered the matter of some type of public release and indicated that he believed a short interim report on the subject of the intelligence phase of their investigation would be appropriate. Kendall appeared to see many objections to this but said he would take it up with Stennis. Subsequently, he indicated that Stennis was not too sure of how he wished to proceed, suggesting it might be desirable to contact Stennis directly which I shall do.

Talked with Senator Henry M. Jackson on this general subject and he was very strong in his view that an interim report posed no difficulty and that this was a proper vehicle. He stated he would talk to Stennis on this as he thought it was very important in the interest of the country as a whole that something be done.

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[REDACTED] Talked with Bill Cannon, Bureau of the Budget, about our early retirement legislation. He indicated they were going to stick on the point of investing any gift funds in governments only and further stated their actuarial people wanted it to be understood that past experience factors would not necessarily be a guide for the future and that we might well have to appropriate an additional amount. In an effort to get the Bureau of the Budget moving I requested Cannon as to why they could not simply put their views in a letter and we will then make up our minds as to what action to take, if any. Cannon said he hoped to be able to get us a letter tomorrow.

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[redacted] called to say that he had received a call from the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, who wanted to arrange for some of their people to meet with [redacted] this morning for an "informal discussion." [redacted] pressed as to the subject of the meeting, he was advised only that it had to do with requests made to the Army by Senator Strom Thurmond. [redacted] was alerting us and asked for any guidance we might give him. Since he had already agreed to the meeting, it was suggested that he merely listen to what the ACSI people had to say and make no commitments as far as the Agency was concerned.

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Subsequently, it developed that ACSI desires certain reports which might be made available to Senator Thurmond. Suggesting that [redacted] would undoubtedly want to raise this matter through his own channels, I mentioned to him that as far as this office was concerned, we were not in favor of anyone's sending any intelligence reports to the Congress.

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5 [redacted] Mr. Sinderson called to say that State prefers sending separate documents to their House Appropriations Subcommittee in response to Representative Bow's request. (See Journal of 11 March.) Mr. Sinderson has not pulled the figures together for this report and will be in further contact with us.

Mr. Sinderson also advised me that when Mr. Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, was before the House Appropriations Committee, he made a statement that of the 45 Government officers working on India, [redacted]

[redacted] Sinderson is requesting our guidance on the handling of this matter.

Later in the day, I saw Mr. Sinderson and discussed further the handling of these two inquiries. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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